on the condition that the programmes received are not re-distributed through cable or otherwise;

(iii) It is necessary to enact a separate legislation which specifically addresses itself to regulating cable TV network operations in the country;

(iv) Such an enactment and the Rules and Orders issued thereunder could also clearly bring out the licensing procedures to be observed in the matter of establishment of Cable TV Networks as also technical and other parameters within which these networks are to function;

(v) The Committee felt that it will be appropriate that the functions of licensing are delegated to the State Governments;

(vi) The Committee recommended establishment of a National Cable Authority to coordinate all matters regarding regulation of Cable TV;

(vii) It will be compulsory for cable TV network to carry all Doordarshan signals which are available in the area through terrestrial transmitters;

(viii) The distribution of programmes through Cable TV Networks should be brought with in the definition of "public exhibitoon". This may call for making suitable amendments in related enactments;

(ix) The copyright Act may be suitably amended for providing distribution of of programmes through Cable TV Networks as a distinct category of copyright; and

(x) The requests received from Government/ Semi - Government/ Autonomous Bodies for establshment of Dish Antennae Systems to receive TV signals from foreign Satellites for the benefit of foreign experts employed in these organizations may continue to be considered on case to case basis in consultation with the Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs, and Information and Broadcasting.

Violation of DAVP clause by newspapers

1682. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that when publications (or Newspapers) accept the rate contract awarded by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity, they also accept in writting the clause which says: That should a lower rate be allowed to any other advertisement either for display or classified advertisements during the period, such a lower rate shall apply to all Government of India's advertisements;

(b) if so, what action would be initiated to enforce the penalty clause in case such default is committed by any newspaper on the panel of the DAVP and brought to the Directorate's notice;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one particular case of violation by a newspaper from Gujarat has been brought to the Directorate's notice and no action had been taken to implement the Penalty Clause of Violation of the DAVP rules; and

(d) what would the Information and Broadcasting Ministry propose to implement the Penalty clause in the interest of the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In such an event, DAVP would seek refund/take appropriate action to effect recovery of the amount

worked out as difference between the rates on which the publisher published DAVP advertisemenss as per contractual rates between DAVP and the newspaper and the lower rate on which the publisher published advertisements of other advertisers.

(c) One particular case of violation by a newspaper from Gujarat has been brought ot the notice of DAVP on which action has been initiated by DAVP to ascertain the facts.

(d) In view of the reply to part (c) above, the question does not arise.

Commissioning of low power TV Transmitter at Nagapattinam

1683. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Low Power TV Transmitter at Nagapattinam in Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu was expected to be commissioned into service by the end of year 1992;

(b) if so, whether it has since been commissioned;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when it is likely to be commisioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SING DEO): (a) and (b) The Low Power TV Transmitter at Nagapattinam in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu, targetted for commissioning during 1992-93, has already been commissioned w.e.f. 20.2.1993.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

TV Documentary film "Democracy & Money Power" produced by M/s Manjira Datta

1684. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the noted Film Maker M/s Manjira Datta had produced a TV documentary Film entitled 'Democracy & Money Power' as early as in 1990 funded by Doordarshan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that necessary editing, changes etc. were made as suggested by the DD in the Film;

(c) whether Doordarshan delayed the screening of the Film over DD and finally the I&B Ministry came out with an explanation that as the film was outdated it could no be screened;

(d) what are the reasons for delay in screening the film after it was passed for final screening; and

(e) whether Government are reconsidering screening of the said film in view of the relevance of the subject matter it deals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (d) The TV documentary film 'Democracy & Money Power', commissioned by Doordarshan could not be telecast during 1989 pre-elections days as it telecast at that time would have infringed the guidelines issued by the Election Commission.

(e) Taking into account the participants in the programme and the specific events which it deals with, the film appears out-dated and hence Doordarshan does not propose to telecast it at this stage.